

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: None. Also present: township attorney James Scales, township engineer Chad Sosnowski, and eight spectators.
2. Public Comment: Henry Greeb (11 Mile Rd.) asked whether a variance extension could also be approved by the Zoning Administrator, not just the ZBA, as is currently required. Jim Scales stated that this would require an amendment to the zoning ordinance, and he will prepare language for the Planning Commission to consider at its November meeting.
Carol Shaw (12 Mile Rd.) asked whether progress was being made on the bidding for the township park. A park committee meeting was set for October 5th at 11:30 AM.
3. Motion by Andersen, Krygier supported, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11A, KDL Board Recommendation. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Krygier, Porter supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – September 5, 2007 Regular Board meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department. Andersen questioned the large bill from the DPW for work on the sewer lines, and would like to look into it further. This bill will be considered at the November board meeting.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: Building permits were issued in September for 3 new residences @ \$428,000, bringing the 2007 total to 23 homes. Upcoming meetings: Krygier reported that cost overruns on the NKSA treatment plant were due to required engineering changes, and they hope to hire a plant manager by January 2008. No NKSA meeting on October 4. Andersen reported that the Rockford Foundation has now sold 200 bricks for the recognition plaza, and will begin a Christmas promotion.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 22 runs for September. He asked the township to share in the purchase of a new snow blower to clear sidewalks at the fire station and township hall. Motion by Krygier, Brown supported, to pay up to \$300.00 towards a new snow blower. CARRIED.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting in September or October. One request was received for November.
8. Planning Commission Report: No meeting in September or October. The rezoning request for Courtland Park Associates (Courtland Crossings) was withdrawn by the applicant.
9. Request by Priority Construction, J & H Oil, for Variance from Upgrading Storm Water System: Don Vanden Berg of Priority Construction was present to represent the owners of the Mobil station at 11800 Northland Dr. They are requesting a variance from the township storm water ordinance, as provided in Sec. 6.07, which took effect after the station was built. He stated that they have been operating at this location for 15 years without any storm water drainage problems. No drainage will be changed on the site, since they are replacing pavement with the roof of a building addition for a Subway restaurant. They meet DEQ regulations for gas stations, and are in the process of satisfying the conditions of approval set forth by the Planning Commission at its July 17, 2007 meeting.
Jim Scales spoke to his September 26 letter of explanation to the board, stating that our storm water ordinance did not provide for “grandfathering”. It does allow the Township Board to grant a variance from the ordinance.
Chad Sosnowski stated that the intent of the ordinance is to prevent pollution, and he recommended installation of an oil/gas/water separator at the gas pump island to keep fuel spills from contaminating the ground water. He stated that this is a Best Management Practice of the DEQ, but is not required by them. He estimated the cost at between \$3,000 and \$10,000, but Mr. Vanden Berg estimated it at \$15,000. Andersen and Porter commented that they have been good neighbors, and that if they weren't adding on to the building, we wouldn't be asking them to install another oil/gas/water separator. There is already a separator installed at the diesel pump island. They are not changing the islands, so the run-off from the islands will not change.
Motion by Porter, Davis supported, to approve the variance from the storm water ordinance. CARRIED 6-1, Krygier voting no, commenting that he felt the cost was minimal.
10. Myers Lake Special Assessment District Weed Assessment for 2008: A memo was received from Brent Boncher, Myers Lake Improvement Association president. Lake board members Jane Bibbler and Barb Werbowy were present. Citing increasing costs for weed control treatments, the association asked the township board to raise the weed assessment the full 10% allowed by P.A. 188., i.e. to \$126.50 for lakefront lots and \$63.25 for back lots. Proposed high and low

budgets for the 2008 season from Professional Lake Management were received. Jim Scales clarified the statute for the board, stating that the 10% increase for the 2008 season had already been approved last fall during the re-establishment of the special assessment district. The assessment will be capped at a maximum of \$153.00 without holding another public hearing. The board needs to approve the weed treatment budget, however, before the assessment can be levied on the winter tax bills. Motion by Andersen, Krygier supported, to approve the low end budget for 2008 weed treatment at approximately \$13,080.00. CARRIED.

11. Resolution 2007-13 to Approve Amendment 33 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to Add the City of Lowell as a Member. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to adopt Resolution 2007-13. POLLED VOTE: YES-ALL. Resolution 2007-14 to Approve Amendment 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to Add the City of Belding as a Member. Motion by Krygier, Porter supported, to adopt Resolution 2007-14. POLLED VOTE: YES-ALL.

11A. KDL Board Recommendation: Motion by Crosby, Krygier supported, to recommend the applications from Diane Jones, Fran Gilcrest and Robert Teis to the Kent County Board of Commissioners for District 2 KDL board member. CARRIED.

12. Board Member Comments: Crosby stated that the MTA conference will take place in Detroit January 8 – 11, 2008 and that room reservations need to be made starting October 15.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk